

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the instant application:

**Listing of Claims**

Claims 1-21 (Canceled)

22. (New) A method of preserving a beverage product comprising adding to said beverage product a preservative composition which comprises from about 0.5% to about 15% monohydric alcohol, from about 0.5% to about 20% d-limonene, and from about 0.005% to about 5.0% wax or wax extract, all of which percentages are expressed by weight of the preservative composition prior to diluting the preservative composition or converting the preservative composition to a non-liquid form.

23. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the wax or wax extract is derived from beeswax.

24. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the monohydric alcohol is selected from the group consisting of ethanol, methanol and butanol, alone or in any combination.

25. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the preservative composition further comprises xanthan gum.

26. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the preservative composition further comprises potassium hydroxide.